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Energy and Technology Committee

Re: Change to State Statute 16-331ff

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the change to State Statute 16-331ff, which will allow the Town of Wolcott and its citizens to have access to channel 96.

It is imperative that people be informed, particularly in today's ever changing world. With the demands of work, family, and other obligations, it is not always possible to attend Town Council meetings, Board of Education proceedings, or other governmental events. Access to channel 96 is an important resource that will enable the people of Wolcott to stay in touch with their government and keep them informed of important news, issues, and changes not only in their community, but also in the State of Connecticut.

Serving in the capacity of the Chief of the Wolcott Police Department, I experience daily the importance of all modes of communication. It is essential that we use any and all means of communication at our disposal to "get the word out" about everything from dangerous situations that occur and missing persons, to extreme weather conditions and news in our communities.

I am proud to say that Wolcott Governmental Television, directed by Michael Bruce, has been an essential component the past two years in providing Wolcott subscribers with the transparency of its government. Mr. Bruce's dedication to the people he serves is unsurpassed and the work he does is very important.

Please consider the Town of Wolcott's request for a revision of State Statute 16-331ff to have access to channel 96. It is an important part of our community and one that the people of Wolcott have come to rely on to keep them informed and educated to our local government.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Stephens  
Chief of Police